

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Shawnee Communications, Inc., )  
Moultrie MultiCorp, Inc., and )  
Moultrie Independent Telephone Company. )

) Docket No. 15-0636  
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Joint Application for the approval of a Reorganization )  
Pursuant to Section 7-204 of the Public Utilities Act; )  
And the Granting of All Other Necessary and )  
Appropriate Relief. )

**VERIFIED STATEMENT OF GEORGE LIGHT**

State of Illinois )  
County of Cook )

I, George Light, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and state as follows:

1. My name is George Light. My business address is 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite C-800, Chicago, Illinois 60601. I am employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") as an Engineering Analyst with the Telco Engineering Department of the Safety and Reliability Division.
2. On December 14, 2015, Shawnee Communications, Inc. ("SCI"), Moultrie MultiCorp., Inc. ("MMI") and Moultrie Telephone Company ("MITC") (together, "Joint Applicants") filed a Verified Joint Application ("Application") pursuant to Section 7-204 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act ("Act"), 220 ILCS 5/7-204, requesting Commission approval of transactions and agreements which would result in the acquisition of MMI, and indirectly MITC, by SCI ("Proposed Transaction"). (Application at 1.) MITC is an incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") certificated by the Commission, and SCI is an affiliate of another Illinois ILEC, Shawnee Telephone Company. (Application at 1.)
3. Section 7-204(b)(1) of the Act states that the Commission shall approve any propose reorganization unless it finds, among other things, that "the proposed reorganization will not diminish the utility's ability to provide adequate, reliable, efficient, safe and least-cost public utility service." 220 ILCS 5/7-204(b)(1).

4. I have reviewed the Application, the Direct Testimony of Michael Guffy (Joint Applicants' Ex. 1.0) and the Joint Applicants' responses to data requests in this proceeding.
5. The Joint Applicants assert that after the Proposed Transaction, "MITC will continue to be operated under the same tariffs and offer the same regulated retail and wholesale services under the same rates, terms, and conditions that exist today." (Application at 1-2.) The Joint Applicants also state that the Proposed Transaction will consolidate the management of MITC and Shawnee Telephone Company, thereby better positioning both ILECs for continued service to their respective customers, and providing both with a stronger financial structure. (Application at 2, 6.) The Joint Applicants testify that after the Proposed Transaction, MITC customers will continue to receive the same service, and that over time, with access to the shared capital resources of SCI, "can expect the deployment of advanced telecommunications network facilities." (Joint Applicants' Ex. 1.0.) The Joint Applicants further state that MITC will continue to use the same support systems and therefore the Proposed Transaction will be seamless and transparent to customers. (Application at 2, 5.)
6. In my opinion, the Proposed Transaction will not diminish the ability of the Joint Applicants to provide adequate, reliable, efficient, safe and least-cost public utility service as required by Section 7-204(b)(1) of the Act.
7. I do not object to the Proposed Transaction.
8. If sworn as a witness, I would testify as stated above.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

  
George Light

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

